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Mungo Man: return to country

Anthropocene update

**Quaternary science in
New Zealand**

EDITORIAL

Dear Quaternarists,

Welcome to the July 2018 issue of Quaternary Australasia. As one of the editors it is a sneaky pleasure to read the contributions before anyone else, and this edition is no exception.

The highlight for me is Jess Reeves account on the return of Mungo Man to his place of burial. Jess describes the day and captures the emotion, dignity and reverence of this poignant event. A number of other AQUA colleagues were present on the day, but we thank Jess for sharing her personal experience with us.

Helen Bostock has provided an update on the formalisation of the Anthropocene. The Global Boundary Stratotype Section Age has been proposed; but the 'search' is still on for a supportive Global Boundary Stratotype Section and Point. AQUA members may have some excellent ideas of their own to suggest to the Anthropocene Working Group.

(Editors Comment: If Quaternary researchers are known as Quaternarists; are Anthropocene researchers to be known as Anthroparists?)

David Lowe has contributed a number of articles on 'Quaternary Science in New Zealand – Report to the Catalyst Fund'. David's contributions are comprehensive, and a number of sections are included as hyperlinks.

We have two book reviews: a 'Sunburnt Country' by Joëlle Gergis and the 'Prehistory and Archaeology of Northeast India' by Manjil Hazarika.

We have our usual latest publications and thesis abstracts (congratulations to those students who completed their studies).

In the President's Pen, Scott Mooney signs off as AQUA President. The AQUA Committee would like to thank Scott for his role as President over the last 2 years and welcomes new president Tim Cohen to the position. Scott has now taken over the position of Shadow Secretary for AQUA.

Welcome also to the new and returning members of the AQUA Committee.

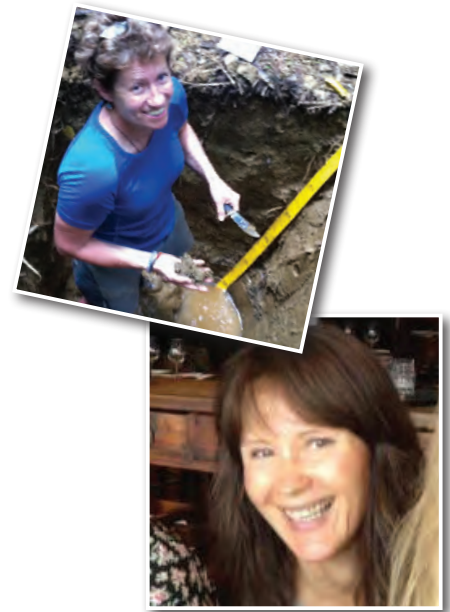
Finally, don't forget about the AQUA Biennial Conference in Canberra, 10-14 December. It is a good time to start considering your contributions to this popular event. See the conference website for more info.

<http://aqua.org.au/conference/aqua2018>

Yours Quaternarily,

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WARNING: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are warned that this edition contains images of deceased persons.